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Mr. Chris Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the McMillin Bridge. The McMillin Bridge is an important historic resource for Washington State. I can assure you the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), on the behalf of the State, takes the responsibility for its long term disposition very seriously.

As you may be aware, the US Army Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for this proposed highway improvement project. We have provided information to them and are seeking an opportunity to have discussions. As you may know, they are responsible for the pace and content of the Section 106 consultation process.

We look forward to further consultation on this project with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and other consulting parties as the Corps directs the process. As this project moves forward through the regulatory permitting process, it will indeed be important to ensure the public interest is met in considering all affected resources concurrent with the Section 106 compliance process.

Sincerely,

Paula J. Hammond
Secretary of Transportation

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